



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.34

Subject: Cosmetic and Elective Surgical Procedures

Supersedes: DYD 12.1.5, 07/01/94

Local Policy: No

Local Procedures: No

Training Required: No

Approved by:

Effective date: 10/01/98

Revision date:

Application

To Superintendents, Health Administrators And Health Care Staff At Youth Development Centers

Authority: TCA 63-7-101, TCA 37-5-101

Policy

Elective and/or cosmetic surgery shall be performed only when it is determined for individual cases to be necessary and appropriate for youth at youth development centers.

Procedures

A. Elective surgery

DCS health administrators may approve, and physicians under contract may perform, elective surgical procedures *only* in those instances

- ◆ when determined necessary to correct a substantial functional defect or existing pathological condition or
- ◆ when the delay in performing surgery could have a detrimental effect on the future health of the youth.

B. Cosmetic surgery

DCS health administrators may approve, and physicians under contract may perform, cosmetic surgery *only*

- ◆ when there are clear indications that such surgery will have major impact on the rehabilitation of the youth or
- ◆ when other major factors are involved, such as the serious

psychological impact of not having the surgery performed.

C. Timing of surgery**1. During custody**

DCS health administrators may approve and physicians under contract may perform, elective or cosmetic surgery only when the child's physical or emotional distress, as determined by the facility's physician, make it not feasible to wait until the youth is released from custody.

2. After custody

When elective or cosmetic surgery may be indicated following release, a written medical summary must be provided to the parent or guardian prior to, or at the time of, the youth's release.

D. Medical and pharmaceutical experiments

Medical and pharmaceutical experiments are generally prohibited, but individual treatment of a juvenile, based on his or her need for a specific medical procedure that is not generally available, is not precluded.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

3JTS-4C-45